

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend East Tennessee State University upon receiving the Tennessee Quality Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those institutions who through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this state; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980's, there was increasing cognizance and concern that the key to effective international competition and domestic economic viability resided in the quality of goods and services produced by American industry. The result was the development of the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, which was signed into law in 1982; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1991, states began introducing quality award programs comparable to the Malcolm Baldrige Award; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Quality Achievement Award program is the most successful state or local program of this type and is one of the most prestigious industrial awards an organization can receive; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tennessee Quality Award program reflects the organization's emphasis on promoting the economic well being of Tennessee by encouraging quality awareness and education, recognizing exemplary achievements and sharing successful strategies and best practices among all organizations; and

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WHEREAS, East Tennessee State University is one outstanding institution that has received highly deserved recognition through the Tennessee Quality Achievement Award program, being one of only 132 businesses and institutions named winners in the fourth year of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee State University has concentrated on continuous campus wide improvements and has made a relentless effort to exceed student expectations; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend East Tennessee State University for their demonstration of exemplary progress through the careful evaluation of their system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend East Tennessee State University and its outstanding President, Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr., upon receiving the Tennessee Quality Achievement Award and to extend our best wishes for continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.